

# The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc

## HINGES & TONGS

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### 1998-99 ELECTIONS

At the May 28 meeting, nominations for club officers were held. The nominees are:

For RPA President, Thomas M. Fortunato or John P. Kellas, III.

For Vice President, Edwin Kawasaki.

For Treasurer David E. Roehrig.

For Recording Secretary, James M. Trenton.

For Corresponding Secretary, Joseph K. Doles.

For Governor-at-large, Paul R. Gerwitz or Raymond M. Stone

All offices are for a one year term except the Governor-at-large seat which is a three (3) year term.

You can mail in your ballot or bring it to the June 11 business meeting.

### New APS Award to Encourage Exhibits of Modern Material

The APS is making a new award available to all World Series of Philately shows. In place of the previous Award for Excellence for exhibits consisting primarily of post 1940 material, two awards are now being offered. The first award covers the time frame of 1940-1980 and the second is for post-1980 material. The new medal is meant to encourage and provide additional recognition for exhibitors of modern material.

Early winners of the award include Raymond Stone for his exhibit titled Rochester's Transportation Coils at the March 6-8 ROPEX in Rochester New York and Michael J. Kominsky for Holograms on Stamps shown at the April 25-26 Plymouth Show in Michigan.

The new medal was recommended by the APS Awards Committee and approved by the APS Board in August 1996. Implementation was held off until recently to allow for the existing supply of the post 1940 medal to be used.

Four APS Medals of Excellence and Research Award are provided free of charge to the 33 World Series of Philately shows. Each of these shows use APS accredited judges for their exhibitions which are required to include at least 2,500 pages.

### I Quit Writing for Stamp Collector

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FROM THE WORLD WIDE WEB

My son's inheritance just went down a bit because I quit writing my "Stamps and Politics" column and my monthly PNC column for Stamp Collector. It's all about the definite article.

Here is what I wrote in a recent column:

Before I continue, I must state emphatically that I will not accept foreign dictates on the use of English. Most Slavic languages lack a definite article. Thus, a Russian will say: "I put book on table," when he speaks English when he means to say "I put the book on the table." When the nation of which Kiev is the capital achieved independence in the breakup of the U.S.S.R in 1991, Ukrainian-Americans insisted that it was incorrect to say "the Ukraine" because one does not say "the France." But I say "the United States" and "the Netherlands." I shall continue to write "the Ukraine." If my editor removes the "the," I shall stop writing for him.

He did and I did.

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## THIRD TIME GOLD

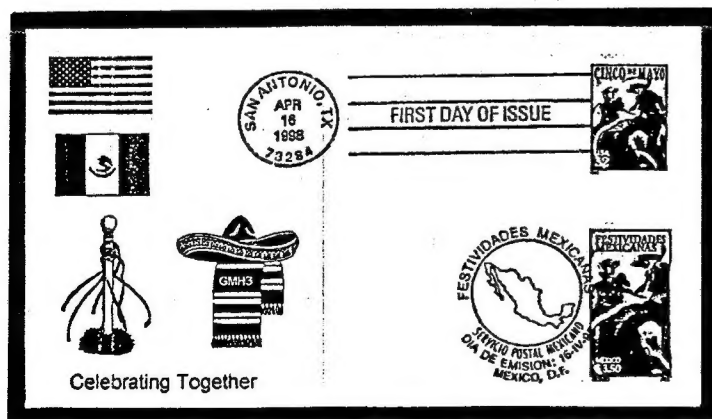
The RPA and ROPEX Program Editor, Joe Doles, have been notified by Jane King Fohn, Manager of The APS CAC Stamp Show Program Critique, that Joe has earned his third gold award since 1994. This award was for the 1997 ROPEX program. Joe was a judge for the 1995 critique and was not entered in the 1995 competition.

The American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee's 1997 Stamp Show Program had twenty one clubs represented in the competition. There are three classes of competition. Class I: Publications that are single-page programs (i.e., bifold, trifold, etc.) from shows sponsored by an APS Chapter. Class II: Programs that have multiple pages from shows sponsored solely by an APS Chapter. Class III: Multiple-page programs from shows co-sponsored either by an APS Chapter, state federation, or a national or international show/bourse, including those that combine stamps with other collectables.

The RPA is in Class II and is in good company. Other Gold winners in Class II were:

**GULFPEX 97**, Gulf Coast Stamp Club (Mississippi). **1997 MID-CITIES STAMP EXPO**, Mid-Cities Stamp Club (Texas). **OKPEX 97**, Oklahoma City Stamp Club (Oklahoma). **VALPEX 97**, Spring-Ford Philatelic Society (Pennsylvania).

## ADD-ON CACHET



The above cover was created by George Hill, III. (GMH3). George purchased the joint first day cover from the USPS and added his color cachet. The trick is in the elements used for the cachet. They all tie the stamps to the cover subject wise. This cover would be an excellent addition to anyones collection. Good job, George!

## State/Possession Abbreviation

ALABAMA  
ALASKA  
AMERICAN SAMOA  
ARIZONA  
ARKANSAS  
CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO  
CONNECTICUT  
DELAWARE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
FLORIDA  
GEORGIA  
GUAM  
HAWAII  
IDAHO  
ILLINOIS  
INDIANA  
IOWA  
KANSAS  
KENTUCKY  
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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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NEW YORK  
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PALAU  
PENNSYLVANIA  
PUERTO RICO  
RHODE ISLAND  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
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### NOTE:

These are abbreviations used by the USPS. Proper state abbreviations are still recognized such as N.Y. for New York.

### Military "State"

Armed Forces Africa  
Armed Forces Americas (except Canada)  
Armed Forces Canada  
Armed Forces Europe  
Armed Forces Middle East  
Armed Forces Pacific

### Abbreviation

AE  
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# RPA PROGRAMS

JUNE 11

## OFFICIAL BUSINESS MEETING and SILENT AUCTION

Bring your ballots with you or mail back  
**ASAP**

JUNE 19

## ANNUAL RPA BANQUET and AUCTION

At the Diplomat Party House

6:00 cocktails

6:30 dinner buffet

\$13.00 per person

Deadline June 14th see Paul Gerwitz  
up to 7 auction lots each member

JUNE 25

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL & SILENT AUCTION

This is the last meeting of the  
1997-98 season, hope everyone can make it.

AUGUST

Keep an eye open for the announcement  
on the RPA picnic..details to follow.

## Join the Group

You're a topical collector, you've picked your  
topic, but you are stumped as to what to do next -  
besides pick up all the stamps you can find showing your  
topic.

Why not consult the "Topical Time" magazine  
(copies are in the RPA library) and see if there is a study  
group related to your theme or topic? Nearly every  
group publishes its own newsletter or journal with  
articles related to the topic covered. For example, there  
is a Women on Stamps group which publishes "The  
Topical Woman." The editor does an excellent job of  
writing biographies of various women on stamps, prints  
submissions by members, lists recent issues of stamps  
picturing women, and includes several illustrations in  
each issue.

Similar newsletters are produced by The Medical  
Studies Unit, with its "Scalpel and Tongs;" The Casey  
Jones Railroad Unit, with "The Dispatcher; the  
Christmas Seal and Charity Stamps Society, printing  
"Seal News; and the Christmas Philatelic Club which  
sees out "The Yule Log."

For a REAL boost to your topical collecting, plan  
to attend the NTSS-98 in Falls Church, Virginia in July!

# Battleship Revenues

The May 28 meeting on computers was  
canceled at the last minute. In it's place we were  
presented a live talk (not one on tape ) by our  
member from Grand Island, New York, Walter  
Orton. Walter has obviously done his research  
on the battleship revenues. Hundreds of hours  
have been spent looking through the records of  
the printing office putting together the data for  
this presentation. Other RPA members  
collecting revenues added to the evenings  
program with lively give and take. It seemed to  
me that the membership enjoyed the evenings  
program with a live presenter. Let's have more  
of them. Do you have a special interest that  
could be made into a program? If you do, see  
the clubs' Vice President. The VP has the  
responsibility for programming.  
Thank you Walter.

## THANK YOU...THANK YOU

In many of the past issues of H&T you enjoyed  
reading about he goings on of the RPA. The  
columns were the work of Norman and Florence  
Wright and I would like to thank them for  
making my job (editor) much easier. Thanks  
again Norm and Flo.

## FLOWERING TREES

At the May 28 meeting we heard from Jim Sanders and  
how he ended up at the first day of issue ceremony for  
the self-adhesive stamps depicting details from  
flowering trees of the United States issued March 19 at  
the Spring Postage Stamp Mega-Event in New York  
City. Jim told of the long lines for signatures on First  
Day Programs. Instead of waiting in line, Jim went into  
the bourse for a time and when the lines had died down  
he went back for his set of signatures. The person who  
sang the National Anthem was still there and Jim  
commented to him how much he enjoyed the singing but  
that two words had been left out. The rest of the panel  
went silent as the singer said "Oh, what two words"?  
And Jim was heard to say "PLAY BALL".

